



How does coordination increase transportation efficiencies?

Coordination can help better manage limited public transportation resources. Through coordination, we can:

- offer more rides to more people, serving a greater number of people within current resources
- eliminate duplication and inefficiency
- avoid or reduce the amount of service cutbacks that might otherwise be necessary
- attract new money by demonstrating wise use of scarce resources and responsiveness to community need



ACCT supports coordination

The Washington State Legislature created the Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT) in 1998. ACCT provides a structure for advancing coordination and improving transportation options for older citizens, people with low incomes, people with disabilities, and children.

In 1999, the Legislature amended the ACCT statute, expanding the responsibilities of the Council and the role of ACCT and becoming the first state to define

coordination by statute. RCW 47.06B outlines a complex and ambitious work agenda for ACCT to achieve meaningful coordination at the local and state levels.

What is WSDOT's role in ACCT?

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) supports coordination as a key to efficient transportation. WSDOT provides administrative and technical staff support for ACCT and manages ACCT grants.

ACCT Coalitions

Coordination grants were awarded for community coalitions in these counties:

**Asotin/Whitman
Chelan/Douglas/Okanogan
Clallam
Grant/Adams
Grays Harbor/Pacific
Jefferson
Kittitas
Lincoln
Mason
Pend Oreille
Pierce
Snohomish
Spokane
Thurston
Walla Walla
Yakima**

What is ACCT doing for us?

ACCT has made significant progress toward increased efficiencies in special needs transportation. ACCT promoted coordination in 2001 and 2002 by:

- implementing the provisions of the ACCT legislation
- building statewide momentum for improving the efficiency of special needs transportation
- supporting state agencies and local communities as they build new partnerships and find ways to do business more efficiently
- bringing people to the table at the state and local level to work on transportation solutions in a collaborative fashion
- identifying and addressing barriers to coordination
- keeping special transportation needs on the radar screen as the state addresses major transportation infrastructure needs
- helping the Washington Transportation Initiative bring millions of federal dollars into the state to provide transportation services for low-income people going to work.
- producing a best practices manual for running a volunteer driver program
- joining the state of Oregon in developing a bi-state automated trip planner.



Village Vans, a JARC project, helps jobless individuals without access to transportation move back into the workforce.

How can the Legislature help improve the efficiency of special needs transportation?

ACCT recommends a number of ways for the Washington State Legislature to improve the efficiency of transportation for people with special needs.

- acknowledge a state role and responsibility
- provide funds to support ACCT activities
- acknowledge that transportation is a human services issue
- support adequate, sustainable funding for public transportation



Mason County Coordinated Transportation Coalition is dedicated to providing better transportation services to the most needy members of the community.